

# Missouri Child and Family Services Review Data Profile, June 9, 2003

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### Additional Footnotes

- A. The 2002 safety data are preliminary. While they should be considered a good approximation of the final numbers, it is possible that they could change slightly. If further analysis indicates that a change is needed, the Children's Bureau will create a new data profile for Missouri.

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<b>II. POINT-IN-TIME PERMANENCY PROFILE</b>	<b>Federal FY 2000</b>		<b>Federal FY 2001</b>		<b>Federal FY 2002</b>	
	<b># of Children</b>	<b>% of Children</b>	<b># of Children</b>	<b>% of Children</b>	<b># of Children</b>	<b>% of Children</b>
<b>I. Foster Care Population Flow</b>						
Children in foster care on first day of year	11,474		11,830		12,138	
Admissions during year	7,216		7,268		7,145	
Discharges during year	5,509		5,749		6,238	
Children in care on last day of year	13,181		13,349		13,045	
Net change during year	+1,707		+1,519		+907	
<b>II. Placement Types for Children in Care</b>						
Pre-Adoptive Homes	1,363	10.3	1,448	10.8	1,362	10.4
Foster Family Homes (Relative)	3,166	24.0	2,884	21.6	2,706	20.7
Foster Family Homes (Non-Relative)	4,895	37.1	5,043	37.8	4,249	32.6
Group Homes	196	1.5	196	1.5	141	1.1
Institutions	2,208	16.8	2,263	17.0	1,869	14.3
Supervised Independent Living	204	1.5	387	2.9	443	3.4
Runaway	201	1.5	198	1.5	133	1.0
Trial Home Visit	715	5.4	793	5.9	1,042	8.0
Missing Placement Information	118	0.9	1	0.0	2	0.0
Not Applicable (Placement in subsequent year)	115	0.9	136	1.0	1,098	8.4
<b>III. Permanency Goals for Children in Care</b>						
Reunification	7,096	53.8	7,587	56.8	7,610	58.3
Live with Other Relatives	227	1.7	227	1.7	193	1.5
Adoption	2,881	21.9	2,698	20.2	2,624	20.1
Long Term Foster Care	403	3.1	377	2.8	363	2.8
Emancipation	1,155	8.8	1,162	8.7	1,179	9.0
Guardianship	997	7.6	865	6.5	696	5.3
Case Plan Goal Not Established	420	3.2	430	3.2	378	2.9
Missing Goal Information	2	0.0	3	0.0	2	0.0

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II. POINT-IN-TIME PERMANENCY PROFILE (continued)	Federal FY 2000		Federal FY 2001		Federal FY 2002	
	# of Children	% of Children	# of Children	% of Children	# of Children	% of Children
<b>IV. Number of Placement Settings in Current Episode</b>						
One	3,492	26.5	3,463	25.9	3,365	25.8
Two	3,514	26.7	3,433	25.7	3,165	24.3
Three	2,058	15.6	2,115	15.8	2,046	15.7
Four	1,202	9.1	1,253	9.4	1,227	9.4
Five	825	6.3	811	6.1	823	6.3
Six or more	2,090	15.9	2,274	17.0	2,419	18.5
Missing placement settings	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>V. Number of Removal Episodes</b>						
One	9,561	72.5	9,683	72.5	9,532	73.1
Two	2,661	20.2	2,670	20.0	2,570	19.7
Three	672	5.1	710	5.3	695	5.3
Four	196	1.5	193	1.4	177	1.4
Five	66	0.5	68	0.5	48	0.4
Six or more	25	0.2	25	0.2	23	0.2
Missing removal episodes	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>VI. Number of children in care 17 of the most recent 22 months<sup>2</sup> (percent based on cases with sufficient information for computation)</b>	3,197	43.2	3,185	40.8	3,227	42.9
	Number of Months		Number of Months		Number of Months	
<b>VII. Median Length of Stay in Foster Care (of children in care on last day of FY)</b>	17.0		15.9		15.9	

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	# of Children Discharged	Median Months to Discharge	# of Children Discharged	Median Months to Discharge	# of Children Discharged	Median Months to Discharge
<b>VIII. Length of Time to Achieve Perm. Goal</b>						
Reunification	3,334	5.8	3,391	7.0	3,592	7.7
Adoption	1,076	35.9	1,092	32.4	1,337	31.5
Guardianship	276	19.8	398	19.4	493	17.8
Other	788	20.7	834	21.4	769	25.6
Missing Discharge Reason	0	0	1	17.7	2	0.0
Missing Date of Latest Removal or Date Error <sup>3</sup>	35	NA	33	NA	45	NA
<b>Statewide Aggregate Data Used in Determining Substantial Conformity</b>	<b># of Children</b>	<b>% of Children</b>	<b># of Children</b>	<b>% of Children</b>	<b># of Children</b>	<b>% of Children</b>
<b>IX.</b> Of all children who were reunified with their parents or caretakers at the time of discharge from foster care, what percentage was reunified in less than 12 months from the time of the latest removal for home? (4.1) [ <b>Standard: 76.2% or more</b> ]	2,290	68.0	2,244	65.6	2,374	65.4
<b>X.</b> Of all children who exited care to a finalized adoption, what percentage exited care in less than 24 months from the time of the latest removal from home? (5.1) [ <b>Standard: 32.0% or more</b> ]	265	24.6	320	29.3	423	31.5
<b>XI.</b> Of all children served who have been in foster care less than 12 months from the time of the latest removal from home, what percentage have had no more than two placement settings? (6.1) [ <b>Standard: 86.7% or more</b> ]	6,342	79.1	6,304	76.9	6,169	76.0
<b>XII.</b> Of all children who entered care during the year, what percentage re-entered foster care within 12 months of a prior foster care episode? (4.2) [ <b>Standard: 8.6% or less</b> ]	633	8.8 (78% new entry)	630	8.7 (79% new entry)	658	9.2 (78% new entry)

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<b>III. PERMANENCY PROFILE FIRST-TIME ENTRY COHORT GROUP</b>	<b>Federal FY 2000</b>		<b>Federal FY 2001</b>		<b>Federal FY 2002</b>	
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<b>I. Number of children entering care for the first time in cohort group</b> (% = 1 <sup>st</sup> time entry of all entering within first 6 months)	2,722	78.8	2,800	79.3	2,718	78.2
<b>II. Most Recent Placement Types</b>						
Pre-Adoptive Homes	86	3.2	99	3.5	117	4.3
Foster Family Homes (Relative)	681	25.0	620	22.1	646	23.8
Foster Family Homes (Non-Relative)	1,097	40.3	1,163	41.5	971	35.7
Group Homes	43	1.6	54	1.9	36	1.3
Institutions	396	14.5	342	12.2	279	10.3
Supervised Independent Living	4	0.1	7	0.3	11	.4
Runaway	26	1.0	30	1.1	19	.7
Trial Home Visit	381	14.0	474	16.9	516	19.0
Missing Placement Information	4	0.1	1	0.0	0	0
Not Applicable (Placement in subsequent yr)	4	0.1	10	0.4	123	4.5
<b>III. Most Recent Permanency Goal</b>						
Reunification	2,264	83.2	2,410	86.1	2,344	86.2
Live with Other Relatives	44	1.6	35	1.3	29	1.1
Adoption	115	4.2	105	3.8	129	4.7
Long-Term Foster Care	10	0.4	6	0.2	10	.4
Emancipation	35	1.3	29	1.0	40	1.5
Guardianship	96	3.5	70	2.5	38	1.4
Case Plan Goal Not Established	151	5.5	140	5.0	127	4.7
Missing Goal Information	7	0.3	5	0.2	1	0.0

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<b>IV. Number of Placement Settings in Current Episode</b>						
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Two	862	31.7	874	31.2	777	28.6
Three	379	13.9	451	16.1	447	16.4
Four	154	5.7	158	5.6	182	6.7
Five	75	2.8	96	3.4	115	4.2
Six or more	77	2.8	91	3.3	105	3.9
Missing placement settings	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>V. Reason for Discharge</b>						
Reunification/Relative Placement	829	85.8	822	84.5	869	86.8
Adoption	15	1.6	20	2.1	27	2.7
Guardianship	24	2.5	35	3.6	39	3.9
Other	98	10.1	96	9.9	66	6.6
Unknown (missing discharge reason or N/A)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Number of Months</b>		<b>Number of Months</b>		<b>Number of Months</b>	
<b>VI. Median Length of Stay in Foster Care</b>	15.9 <sup>4</sup>		15.9 <sup>5</sup>		16.0 <sup>6</sup>	



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<sup>1</sup>The FY00, FY01, and FY 02 counts of children in care at the start of the year exclude 147, 159, and 173 children, respectively. They were excluded to avoid counting them twice. That is, although they were actually in care on the first day, they also qualify as new entries because they left and re-entered again at some point during the same reporting period. To avoid counting them as both "in care on the first day" and "entries," the Children's Bureau selects only the most recent record. That means they get counted as "entries," not "in care on the first day."

<sup>2</sup>We designated the indicator, *17 of the most recent 22 months*, rather than the statutory time frame for initiating termination of parental rights proceedings at *15 of the most 22 months*, since the AFCARS system cannot determine the *date the child is considered to have entered foster care* as defined in the regulation. We used the outside date for determining the *date the child is considered to have entered foster care*, which is 60 days from the actual removal date.

<sup>3</sup>Dates necessary for calculation of length of time in care in these records are chronologically incorrect. N/A = Not Applicable

<sup>4</sup> This First-Time Entry Cohort median length of stay was 15.9 months in FY00. This includes 11 children who entered and exited on the same day (who had a zero length of stay). If these children were excluded, the median length of stay would be slightly higher at 16.1 months. These children are not really appropriate for inclusion in the data submission because they do not meet the AFCARS definition of being in care for 24 hours or more, so the Children's Bureau calculates the length of stay both with and without these children.

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8. The data element, “Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care,” is defined as follows: Of all children who were served in foster care during the reporting period, what percentage were found to be victims of maltreatment. A child is counted as having been maltreated in foster care if the perpetrator of the maltreatment was identified as a foster parent or residential facility staff. Counts of children maltreated in foster care are derived from NCANDS, while counts of children placed in foster care are derived from AFCARS. The observation period for these measures is January-September because this is the reporting period jointly addressed by both NCANDS and AFCARS. For both measures, the number of children found to be maltreated in foster care and the percentage of all children in foster care are provided. This data element is used to determine, in part, the State’s substantial conformity with Safety Outcome #2.

### Additional Footnotes

(none)

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<b>II. POINT-IN-TIME PERMANENCY PROFILE</b>	<b>Federal FY 2000</b>		<b>Federal FY 2001</b>		<b>Federal FY 2002</b>	
	<b># of Children</b>	<b>% of Children</b>	<b># of Children</b>	<b>% of Children</b>	<b># of Children</b>	<b>% of Children</b>
<b>I. Foster Care Population Flow</b>						
Children in foster care on first day of year	11,474		11,830		12,647	
Admissions during year	7,216		7,268		7,401	
Discharges during year	5,509		5,749		6,996	
Children in care on last day of year	13,181		13,349		13,052	
Net change during year	+1,707		+1,519		+405	
<b>II. Placement Types for Children in Care</b>						
Pre-Adoptive Homes	1,363	10.3	1,448	10.8	1,002	7.7
Foster Family Homes (Relative)	3,166	24.0	2,884	21.6	2,024	15.5
Foster Family Homes (Non-Relative)	4,895	37.1	5,043	37.8	2,531	19.4
Group Homes	196	1.5	196	1.5	84	.6
Institutions	2,208	16.8	2,263	17.0	982	7.5
Supervised Independent Living	204	1.5	387	2.9	294	2.3
Runaway	201	1.5	198	1.5	81	.6
Trial Home Visit	715	5.4	793	5.9	864	6.6
Missing Placement Information	118	0.9	1	0.0	0	0
Not Applicable (Placement in subsequent year)	115	0.9	136	1.0	5,190	39.8
<b>III. Permanency Goals for Children in Care</b>						
Reunification	7,096	53.8	7,587	56.8	7,782	59.6
Live with Other Relatives	227	1.7	227	1.7	193	1.5
Adoption	2,881	21.9	2,698	20.2	2,540	19.5
Long Term Foster Care	403	3.1	377	2.8	380	2.9
Emancipation	1,155	8.8	1,162	8.7	1,121	8.6
Guardianship	997	7.6	865	6.5	636	4.9
Case Plan Goal Not Established	420	3.2	430	3.2	398	3.0
Missing Goal Information	2	0.0	3	0.0	2	0.0

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II. POINT-IN-TIME PERMANENCY PROFILE (continued)	Federal FY 2000		Federal FY 2001		Federal FY 2002	
	# of Children	% of Children	# of Children	% of Children	# of Children	% of Children
IV. Number of Placement Settings in Current Episode						
One	3,492	26.5	3,463	25.9	4,053	31.1
Two	3,514	26.7	3,433	25.7	2,875	22.0
Three	2,058	15.6	2,115	15.8	1,836	14.1
Four	1,202	9.1	1,253	9.4	1,153	8.8
Five	825	6.3	811	6.1	760	5.8
Six or more	2,090	15.9	2,274	17.0	2,375	18.2
Missing placement settings	0	0	0	0	0	0
V. Number of Removal Episodes						
One	9,561	72.5	9,683	72.5	9,541	73.1
Two	2,661	20.2	2,670	20.0	2,414	18.5
Three	672	5.1	710	5.3	673	5.2
Four	196	1.5	193	1.4	194	1.5
Five	66	0.5	68	0.5	64	0.5
Six or more	25	0.2	25	0.2	36	0.3
Missing removal episodes	0	0	0	0	130	1.0
VI. Number of children in care 17 of the most recent 22 months <sup>2</sup> (percent based on cases with sufficient information for computation)	3,197	43.2	3,185	40.8	3,289	43.5
	Number of Months		Number of Months		Number of Months	
VII. Median Length of Stay in Foster Care (of children in care on last day of FY)	17.0		15.9		15.8	

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II. POINT-IN-TIME PERMANENCY PROFILE (continued)	Federal FY 2000		Federal FY 2001		Federal FY 2002	
	# of Children Discharged	Median Months to Discharge	# of Children Discharged	Median Months to Discharge	# of Children Discharged	Median Months to Discharge
<b>VIII. Length of Time to Achieve Perm. Goal</b>						
Reunification	3,334	5.8	3,391	7.0	3,943	7.5
Adoption	1,076	35.9	1,092	32.4	1,513	32.4
Guardianship	276	19.8	398	19.4	968	18.4
Other	788	20.7	834	21.4	506	39.0
Missing Discharge Reason	0	0	1	17.7	2	0.0
Missing Date of Latest Removal or Date Error <sup>3</sup>	35	NA	33	NA	64	NA
<b>Statewide Aggregate Data Used in Determining Substantial Conformity</b>	<b># of Children</b>	<b>% of Children</b>	<b># of Children</b>	<b>% of Children</b>	<b># of Children</b>	<b>% of Children</b>
<b>IX.</b> Of all children who were reunified with their parents or caretakers at the time of discharge from foster care, what percentage was reunified in less than 12 months from the time of the latest removal for home? (4.1) [ <b>Standard: 76.2% or more</b> ]	2,290	68.0	2,244	65.6	2,630	65.9
<b>X.</b> Of all children who exited care to a finalized adoption, what percentage exited care in less than 24 months from the time of the latest removal from home? (5.1) [ <b>Standard: 32.0% or more</b> ]	265	24.6	320	29.3	462	30.3
<b>XI.</b> Of all children served who have been in foster care less than 12 months from the time of the latest removal from home, what percentage have had no more than two placement settings? (6.1) [ <b>Standard: 86.7% or more</b> ]	6,342	79.1	6,304	76.9	6,639	78.7
<b>XII.</b> Of all children who entered care during the year, what percentage re-entered foster care within 12 months of a prior foster care episode? (4.2) [ <b>Standard: 8.6% or less</b> ]	633	8.8 (78% new entry)	630	8.7 (79% new entry)	628	8.5 (75% new entry)

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<b>III. PERMANENCY PROFILE FIRST-TIME ENTRY COHORT GROUP</b>	<b>Federal FY 2000</b>		<b>Federal FY 2001</b>		<b>Federal FY 2002</b>	
	<b># of Children</b>	<b>% of Children</b>	<b># of Children</b>	<b>% of Children</b>	<b># of Children</b>	<b>% of Children</b>
<b>I. Number of children entering care for the first time in cohort group</b> (% = 1 <sup>st</sup> time entry of all entering within first 6 months)	2,722	78.8	2,800	79.3	2,729	76.5
<b>II. Most Recent Placement Types</b>						
Pre-Adoptive Homes	86	3.2	99	3.5	128	4.7
Foster Family Homes (Relative)	681	25.0	620	22.1	515	18.9
Foster Family Homes (Non-Relative)	1,097	40.3	1,163	41.5	689	25.2
Group Homes	43	1.6	54	1.9	28	1.0
Institutions	396	14.5	342	12.2	200	7.3
Supervised Independent Living	4	0.1	7	0.3	7	0.3
Runaway	26	1.0	30	1.1	14	0.5
Trial Home Visit	381	14.0	474	16.9	470	17.2
Missing Placement Information	4	0.1	1	0.0	0	0
Not Applicable (Placement in subsequent yr)	4	0.1	10	0.4	678	24.8
<b>III. Most Recent Permanency Goal</b>						
Reunification	2,264	83.2	2,410	86.1	2,361	86.5
Live with Other Relatives	44	1.6	35	1.3	21	0.8
Adoption	115	4.2	105	3.8	132	4.8
Long-Term Foster Care	10	0.4	6	0.2	12	0.4
Emancipation	35	1.3	29	1.0	41	1.5
Guardianship	96	3.5	70	2.5	37	1.4
Case Plan Goal Not Established	151	5.5	140	5.0	124	4.5
Missing Goal Information	7	0.3	5	0.2	1	0.0



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III. PERMANENCY PROFILE FIRST-TIME ENTRY COHORT GROUP (Continued)	Federal FY 2000		Federal FY 2001		Federal FY 2002	
	# of Children	% of Children	# of Children	% of Children	# of Children	% of Children
IV. Number of Placement Settings in Current Episode						
One	1,175	43.2	1,130	40.4	1,221	44.7
Two	862	31.7	874	31.2	755	27.7
Three	379	13.9	451	16.1	388	14.2
Four	154	5.7	158	5.6	172	6.3
Five	75	2.8	96	3.4	101	3.7
Six or more	77	2.8	91	3.3	92	3.4
Missing placement settings	0	0	0	0	0	0
V. Reason for Discharge						
Reunification/Relative Placement	829	85.8	822	84.5	886	88.4
Adoption	15	1.6	20	2.1	22	2.2
Guardianship	24	2.5	35	3.6	69	6.9
Other	98	10.1	96	9.9	25	2.5
Unknown (missing discharge reason or N/A)	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Number of Months		Number of Months		Number of Months	
VI. Median Length of Stay in Foster Care	15.9 <sup>4</sup>		15.9 <sup>5</sup>		15.6 <sup>6</sup>	

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### FOOTNOTES TO DATA ELEMENTS IN THE PERMANENCY PROFILE

<sup>1</sup>The FY00, FY01, and FY 02 counts of children in care at the start of the year exclude 147, 159, and 214 children, respectively. They were excluded to avoid counting them twice. That is, although they were actually in care on the first day, they also qualify as new entries because they left and re-entered again at some point during the same reporting period. To avoid counting them as both "in care on the first day" and "entries," the Children's Bureau selects only the most recent record. That means they get counted as "entries," not "in care on the first day."

<sup>2</sup>We designated the indicator, *17 of the most recent 22 months*, rather than the statutory time frame for initiating termination of parental rights proceedings at *15 of the most 22 months*, since the AFCARS system cannot determine the *date the child is considered to have entered foster care* as defined in the regulation. We used the outside date for determining the *date the child is considered to have entered foster care*, which is 60 days from the actual removal date.

<sup>3</sup>Dates necessary for calculation of length of time in care in these records are chronologically incorrect. N/A = Not Applicable

<sup>4</sup> This First-Time Entry Cohort median length of stay was 15.9 months in FY00. This includes 11 children who entered and exited on the same day (who had a zero length of stay). If these children were excluded, the median length of stay would be slightly higher at 16.1 months. These children are not really appropriate for inclusion in the data submission because they do not meet the AFCARS definition of being in care for 24 hours or more, so the Children's Bureau calculates the length of stay both with and without these children.

<sup>5</sup> This First-Time Entry Cohort median length of stay was 15.9 months for FY01. This includes 17 children who entered and exited on the same day (who had a zero length of stay). If these children were excluded, the median length of stay would be slightly higher, at 16.0 months.

<sup>6</sup> This First-Time Entry Cohort median length of stay was 15.6 months for FY02. This included 19 children who entered and exited on the same day (who had a zero length of stay). If these children were excluded, the median length of stay would be 16.6 months.